

Table S1. Peak virus titers and clinical signs in groups of ferrets infected with either ma-Ca/04 or Ca/04 viruses.

Virus	ma-Ca/04 ^a			Ca/04 ^b		
	Peak nasal wash titer ^c	Sneezing (Day of onset) ^d	Peak bodyweight loss (%)	Peak nasal wash titer	Sneezing (Day of onset)	Peak bodyweight loss (%)
Ferret group						
Infected	6.7 ± 0.4	4/4 (3,4,4,4)	>20 ^e ; 3.4, 10.9, 6.6	6.7 ± 1.0	2/2 (4,5)	14.7, 5.3
Direct Contact	6.9 ± 0.5	4/4 (3,4,5,7)	10.7, 6.2, 0.0 ^f , 0.0	5.6 ± 0.6	2/2 (6,8)	8.8, 6.6
Respiratory Contact	6.6 ± 0.5	2/4 (8,11)	10.0, 3.6, 1.7, 8.8	5.5 ± 1.7	2/2 (9,9)	7.4, 9.3

^a Data corresponds to two independent experiments with 2 groups each. Each group consisted of 1 inoculated ferret, 1 direct contact and 1 respiratory droplet contact as described [41]. ^b Data correspond to one experiment with 2 groups as explained in (a). ^c Titers expressed in log₁₀TCID₅₀/ml of nasal wash. ^d Day of onset of sneezing calculated from 0 (zero) dpi. ^e Ferret sacrificed at 6 dpi. ^f Two ferrets in the direct contact groups gained weight.